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BEFORE & AFTER Remote Village Gets Connected

A new rural road in Nangarhar Province shortens travel time between the remote village of Burburi and provincial market centers. It has also provided jobs for hundreds of local men.

This new 2.6 kilometer road, built by a team of more than 100 local laborers, was a community initiative led by village elders with funding and training from the USAID Strategic Provincial Roads in Southern and Eastern Afghanistan project.

This road reduces the time it takes to get livestock and produce to market by providing easy access to the newly rehabilitated Durbaba to Shinwar Road.

“Most young men in our village who were unemployed are now busy working with the rural road project. On one hand, they work for their village and build the road, and on the other, they secure income for their families. This type of project reduces youth’s incentive to join the insurgency,” said local elder Haji Shinuy.



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BEFORE Burburi, a remote village in Nangarhar Province, was connected only by a rough goat track to the nearest local commercial centers of Durbaba and Shinwar in the same province.



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AFTER Today, the road allows farmers and families to move more quickly and easily to markets, schools, hospitals, and other villages and towns by way of a good road – improving the lives of 1,400 villagers in Burburi near the Pakistani border.